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Washington, DC - Congressman Bruce Braley (D-Iowa) announced \$367,929 in grant money today for fire departments in West Union, Brandon and Guttenberg. These grants are part of the 2009 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program.

"The firefighters in these communities have generously and bravely committed their time to keeping their community safe," Braley said. "This money will provide them with the safety gear and communication tools necessary to continue to do their job and protect families in Iowa."

AFG grants are distributed through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency and the U.S. Fire Administration.

The grants are allocated as follows:

- \$320,055 for Guttenberg's Fire Department and Clayton County Communications' Board to update the county communications system

- \$27,230 for Brandon's Fire Department to purchase operations and safety equipment

- \$20,644 for West Union's Fire Department to purchase replacement parts for Jaws of Life and turnout gear